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## “CORRUPTION, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY”

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##### **“The Dark Figure of Corruption”**

[Claire Berlinski](#). *Policy Review*, June/July 2009, 11 pages.

The author discusses the prominence of corruption on a global scale and the ambiguous nature of the act. Personal experiences of living in politically and socially corrupt countries are recounted and correlation between the term and a number of crimes, including fraud, embezzlement and extortion are discussed.

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##### **“Corruption and the Global Financial Crisis”**

[Daniel Kaufmann](#). The Brookings Institution, January 27, 2009, 3 pages.

The author, an expert on governance and development, examines the role that corruption and influence have played in the global financial crisis, and suggests ways policymakers should address these issues in future regulation.

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[http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2009/0127\\_corruption\\_kaufmann.aspx](http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2009/0127_corruption_kaufmann.aspx)

### **"Poverty and Corruption"**

Michael Johnston. *Forbes*, January 22, 2009, 4 pages.

The author, a professor of political science at Colgate University in New York, examines the links between corruption and poverty, which affects both individuals and businesses, focusing on its dilemma and long-term impact.

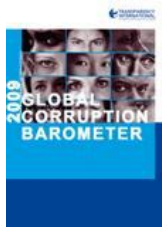
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### **"Government by Corruption"**

Minxin Pei. *Forbes*, January 26, 2009, 4 pages.

The most common cause of corruption is a combination of discretionary power and low accountability, both of which are imperative for the political survival of authoritarian regimes. The author, an expert in the issue of democracy, discusses why corruption is a vital governing tool for authoritarian regime.

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### **"2009 Global Corruption Barometer"**

Transparency International, June 2009, 40 pages.

The report presents the main findings of a public opinion survey that explores the general public's views of corruption, as well as experiences of bribery around the world. It assesses the extent to which key institutions and public services are perceived to be corrupt, measures citizens' views on government efforts to fight corruption. This year, for the first time, the report includes questions about the level of state capture and people's willingness to pay a premium for clean corporate behavior.

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<http://www.transparency.org/content/download/43788/701097> (PDF format; 451 KB)

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